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FLASH GORDON in the Water World of Mongo

Another Whizzbang of a winner
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Alex Raymond, who was killed in auto accident in September, 1956, a month before his 47th birthday, left a legacy of comic strip art which, in the words of cartoonist Al Williamson, "is the inspiration behind many artists in the field today."

Like many cartoonists, Raymond began his career as assistant to an established artist, in this case Russ Westover, creator of Tillie the Toiler. After that came work with Chic Young on Blondie and Lyman Young on Tim Tyler's Luck. In 1933, he ghosted the Tim Tyler Sunday strip and then, in January, 1934, blossomed out as a cartoonist in his own right with three strips: Flash Grodon, Jungle Jim and Dashiell Hammett's Secret Agent X-9. Midway through 1935, he gave up X-9 to concentrate on Flash Gordon and Jungle Jim.

Flash Gordon was an immediate success and it wasn't long before Universal produced one of the most expensive serials ever made based on the strip with Buster Crabbe in the title role. Two subsequent serials were made, Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (1938) and Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe (1940). Other offshoots of the strip included a Flash Gordon radio series, comic books, Big Little Books, coloring books and even a short-lived pulp magazine, Flash Gordon Strange Adventure Magazine.

What isn't generally known is that Raymond also worked as an illustrator during the 1930s for such magazines as Collier's, Blue Book, Esquire and Look while he was doing Flash Gordon. He also did magazine covers, book jackets, movie advertisements, and book illustrations, but then decided to leave the field because he decided that "comic art is an art form in itself." On these pages, we present a few examples of Raymond's magazine work which show his unmistakeable touch.

His greatest work, however, was on his comic strips and Nostalgia Press has done a great service to his fans by issuing a hardcover collection of Flash Gordon Sunday pages which were originally published between 1938 and 1941. They deal with Flash's classic adventures on the planet Mongo with such unforgettable characters as Ming the Merciless, Dale Arden, Dr. Hans Zarkov, Queen Fria of Frigia, and the Powermen of Mongo.

After World War II service in the U.S. Marine Corps during which he reached the rank of major, Raymond returned to civilian life in 1946 with an idea for a new strip about a marine officer who becomes a criminologist. The name: Rip Kirby. He continued work on this highly successful strip until his untimely death.

FLASH GORDON
IN THE
WATER WORLD *of* MONGO

By **ALEX RAYMOND**

CAPTAIN GEORGE'S COMIC WORLD #6

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"Our Instruments Have Gone Crazy."

INTRO

High in the g
which encloses th
a giant rocket sh
murky fog. Withi
three strangers to
wayfarers from th
known as Earth. F
than they knew, t
been inhabitants
which they had c
phere ship design
Dr. Hans Zarkov,
brilliant scientist
Zarkov's compani
Gordon, known on
ball star, and his
Arden.

"The Ship

DUCTION

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Mongo - three
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For a longer time
these three had
of Mongo, to
ome in a stratos-
ed and built by
one of the most
s on Earth. Dr.
ons were Flash
Earth as a foot-
sweetheart, Dale

"We're Above the Sea of Mystery?"

s Melting!"

"It's a Magneto-Ray From the Sea!"

Their Ship Plunged into the Sea

Dale and Zarko

Drawn into the Depths of the Sea

The Magne

v Reach an Island

Flash Clings to a Reef

to-Ray Cannon

Queen Undina of Coralia

In the Lung-Machine

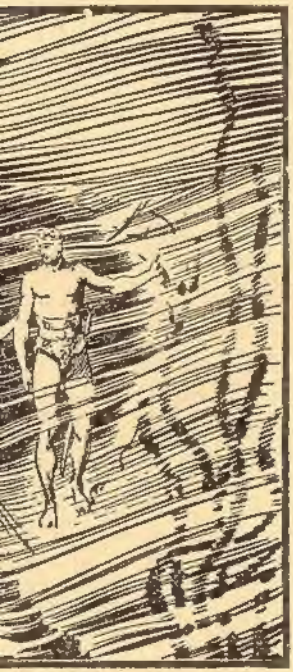
"You Are No Longe

"You Are One of Us."

Flash Pretended

er an Air-Breather."

"You Mean I Must Live Under Water?"



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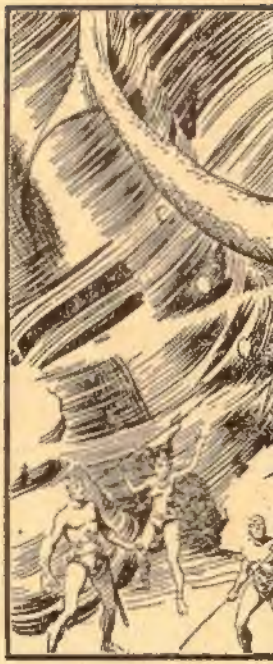
Flash and the Queen of Coralia

"Your Soldiers Are Looting the Ship."



"A Devo

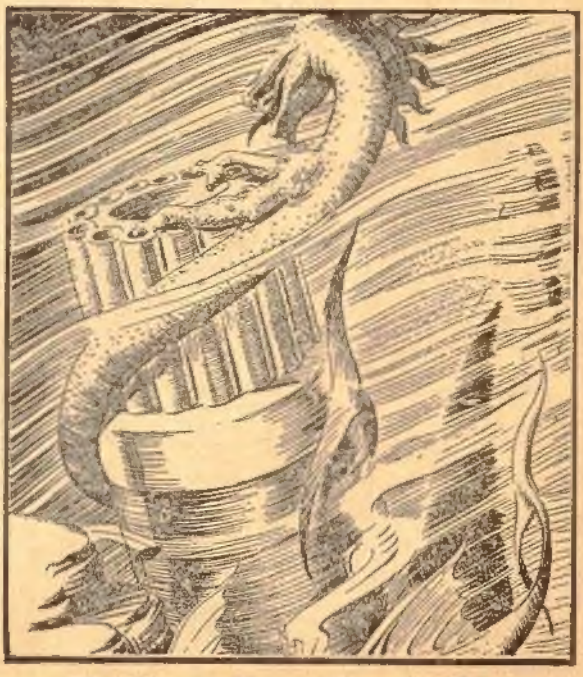
Flash Unarmed by the Monster

Flash Escapes in

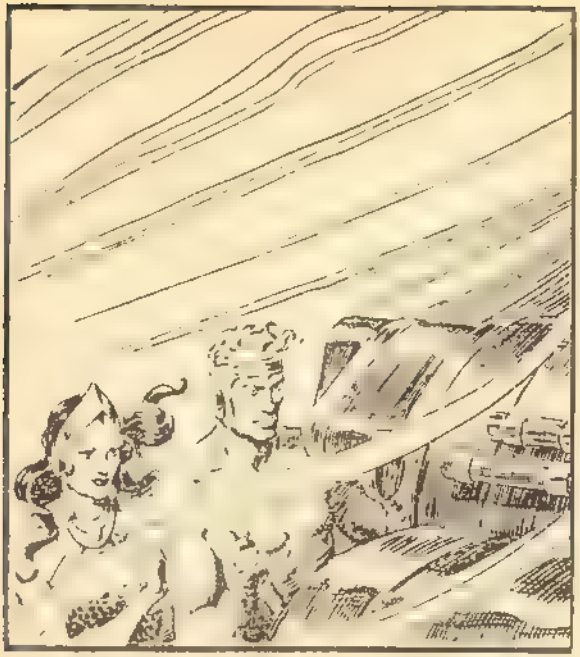
urosaurus!"

Flash Battles the Devourosaurus

to the Rocket Ship



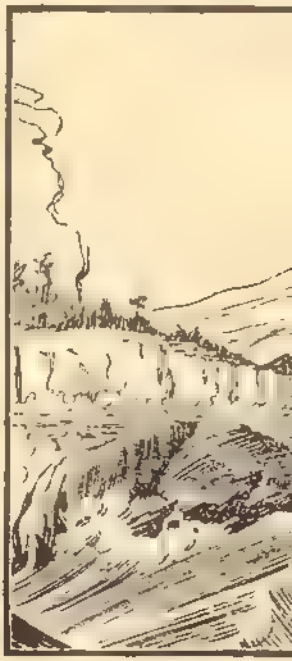
The Monster Hovers Over the Ship



"I Can Blow the Beast to Bits."

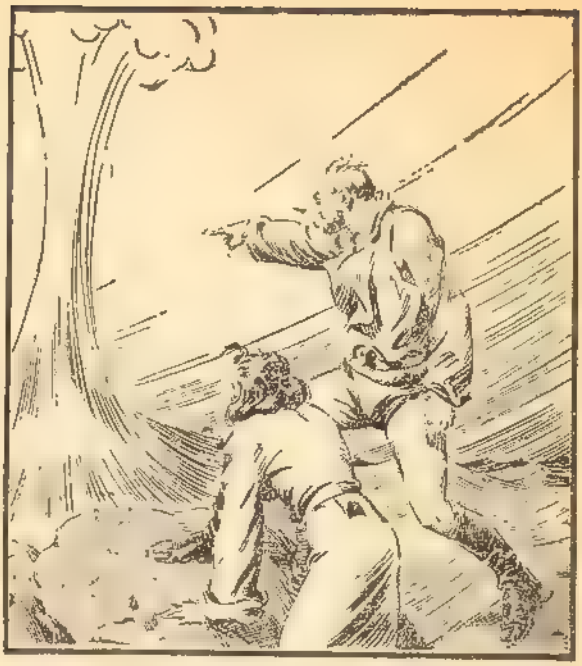
The Explosion Blew

Flash Climbed a Coral Reef



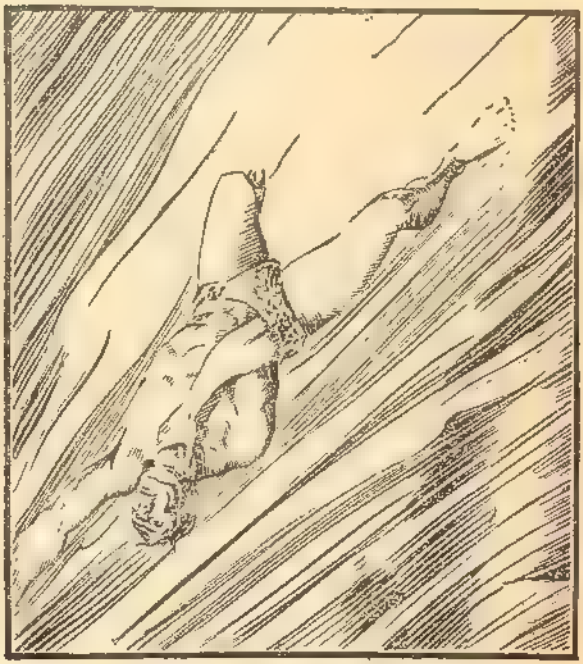
He Reached

the Monster Apart



A Geyser Arose From the Sea

the Surface



He Could Not Exist Outside the Sea

He Swam Toward the Island

He Wave

"Come Here, Darling."

"Bring H

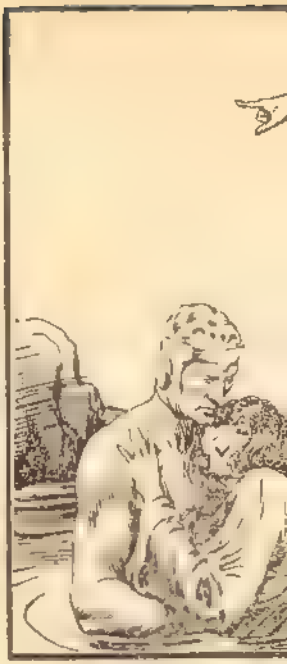
d Frantically

"It's Flash," the Doctor Exclaimed

im In."

"Go Back to the Surface."

"I'm All Right. I Shan't Drown."



Flash Crushed D

The Battle With the Octoclaw

Dr. Zarkov Leap

Dale in His Arms

"An Undersea Monster!"

ped into the Sea

Flash Wins Over the Octoclaw

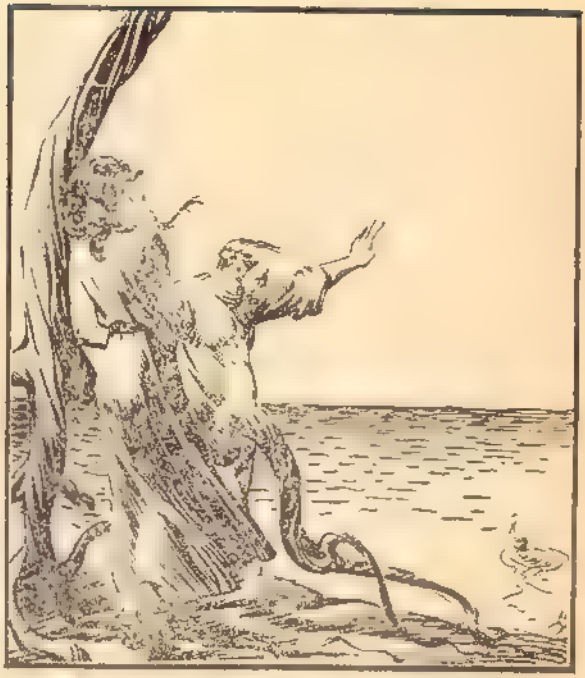
Dr. Zarkov Lost Consciousness

Only a Few Moments

The Dead Octoclaw, Prey of Sharkons

The Coral Cas

Were Allowed Him



"How Long Must We Be Separated?"

tle of Undina

"The Earthling Has Returned."

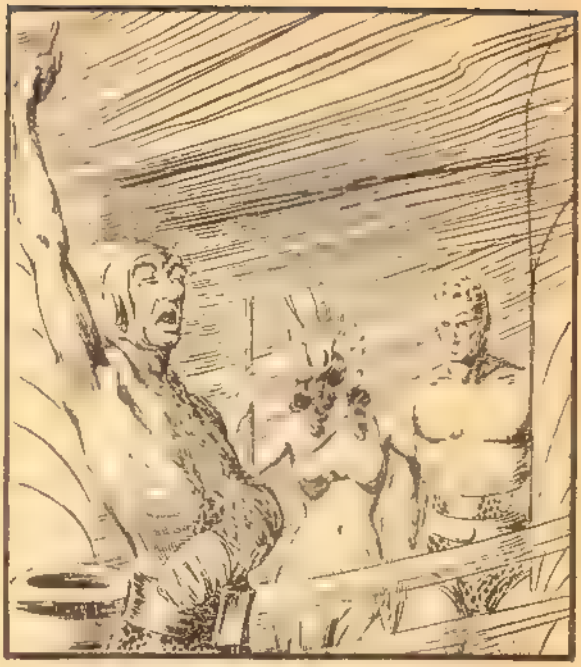
'So You Escaped the Blast?"

"I Make Thee a No

"Let Us Enjoy Ourselves."

"We Don't Spend Al

bleman in My Court."



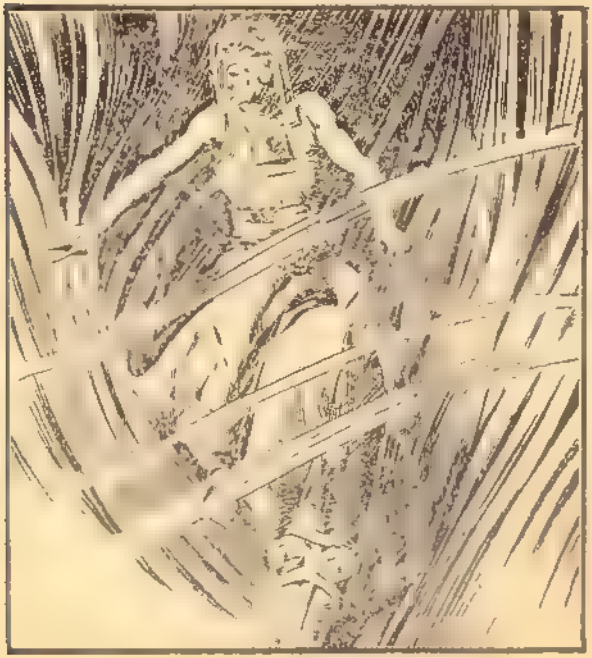
"We Must Celebrate."

l Our Time Undersea."

Triton Explained the Water Helmet

"Do Not Presume to Advise Me."

The Coralians W



Flash Eluded the Coralians

"Dale! Za

ent Above the Surface

An Expedition to the Upper World

rkov!" He Yelled.

"You Must Hide."

"My Horse Ran Away With Me."

"They Must Have S

"You Will Regret This, Flash Gordon."

"It's No Use. We

ailed Away Somehow."

"Release Her Majesty, Earth Man."

're Outnumbered."

Flash Taken Back into Coralia

"Take Him into the Sea."

He Aimed a

"You Have Deceived Her Majesty."

Captiv

nd Fired at Flash

"Those Two, Take Them and Bind Them."

es Undersea

Queen Undina Triumphant

"Lord Pluton, Read the Charge."

"Let This Woman

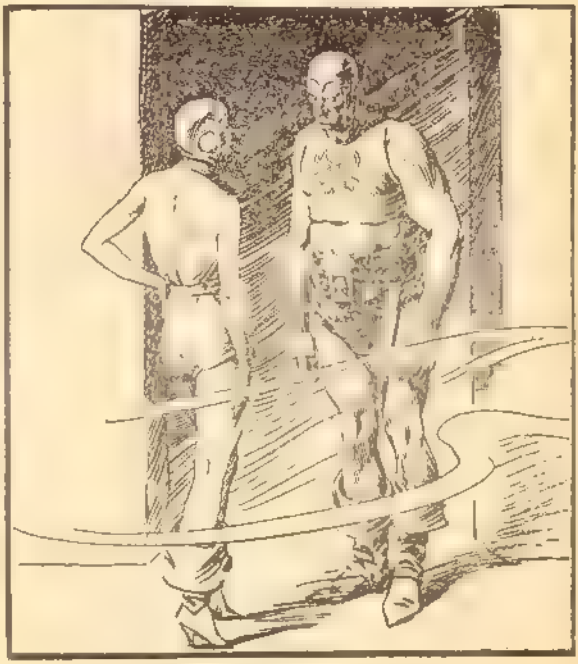
Converted into Water-Breathers

"I Want You to Te

n and Man Free."

Dale and Zarkov in Lung-Machines

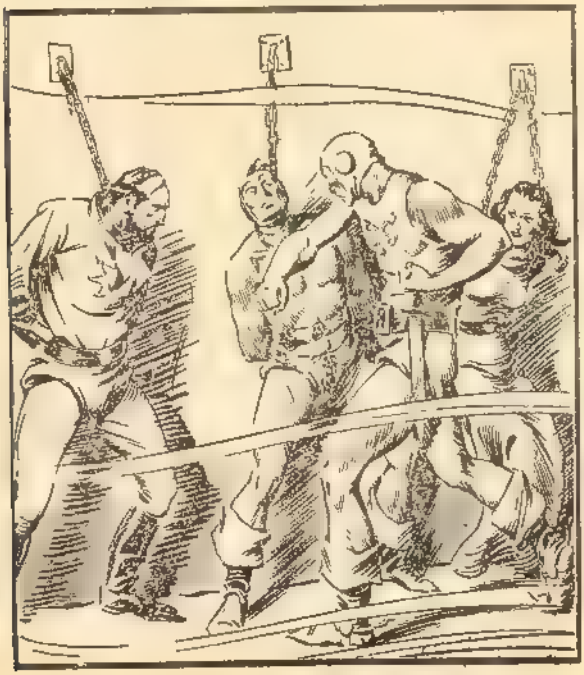
each Flash a Lesson."



"I Want Him to Come Crawling."

"I Don't Know What He Intends."

"I Forbid



"That Ought to Quiet You."

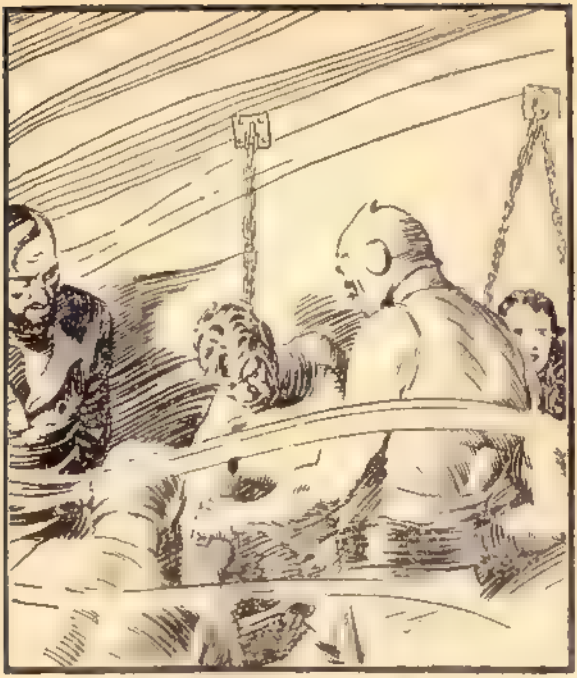
"I'd Like to

You to Talk."

"If I Weren't Chained Up—."

Let Him Strangle."

"You Can't Do That, Sheriff."



"We'll Bring Him To."

Flash Spran

"Thank Heaven We're Free."

"Don't W

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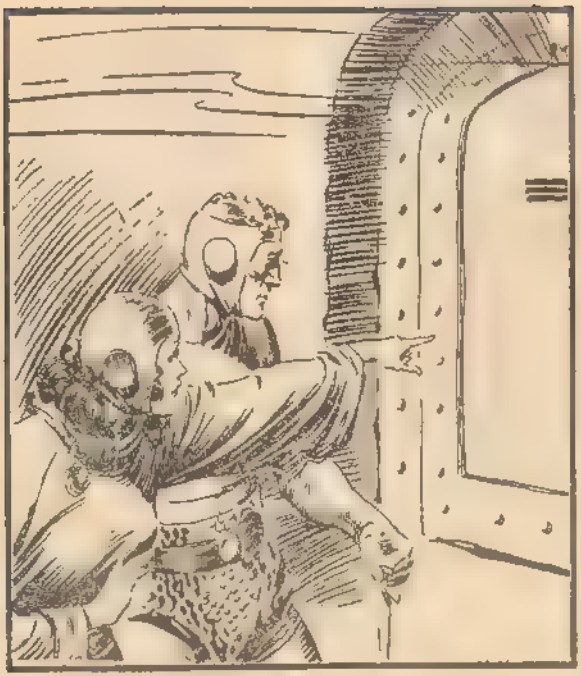
The Fight Between Flash and Pluton

Vait for Me."

"We'll Be Back."



"Let's Go In."

"An Arsenal!"

"Keep Searching."

"You're Goin

' Flash Exclaimed

"Locked From the Other Side."

g to Be the Bait."

"Turn on the Invisible Rays."

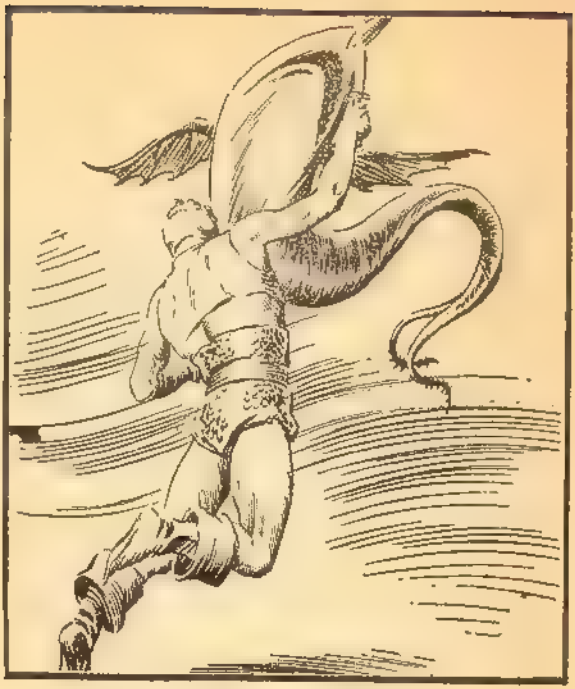
"They Might Even Kill You."

Through the Gra

He Began Backing Toward the Arsenal

The Sharkon Too

ting He Whispered



Attacked by Sharkons

k the Full Discharge

"Dale! Open the Door Quickly."

"I'll Give Them the Works."

"You Wouldn't H

The Sharkon Caught by the Ray

Flash Crept

Have Me Desert Zarkov?"

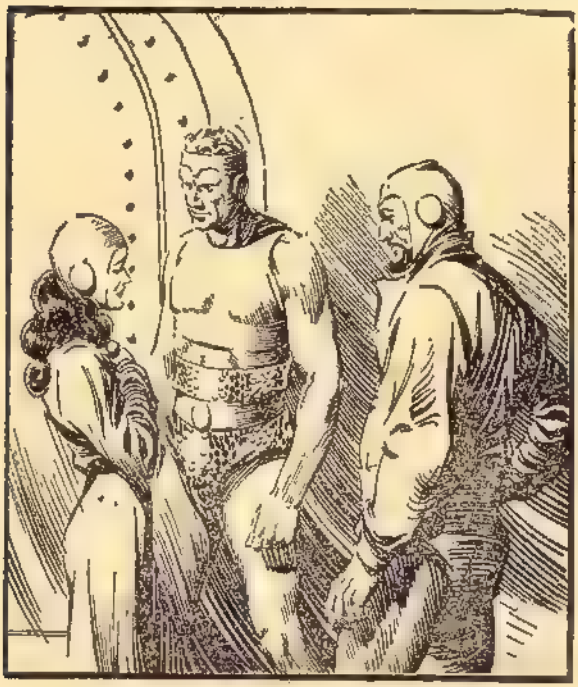
He Set out Again

Through the Door

He Foiled the Lethal Ray

"I've Got to Get You out of Here."

"We'll Revers



Three Musketeers of the Undersea

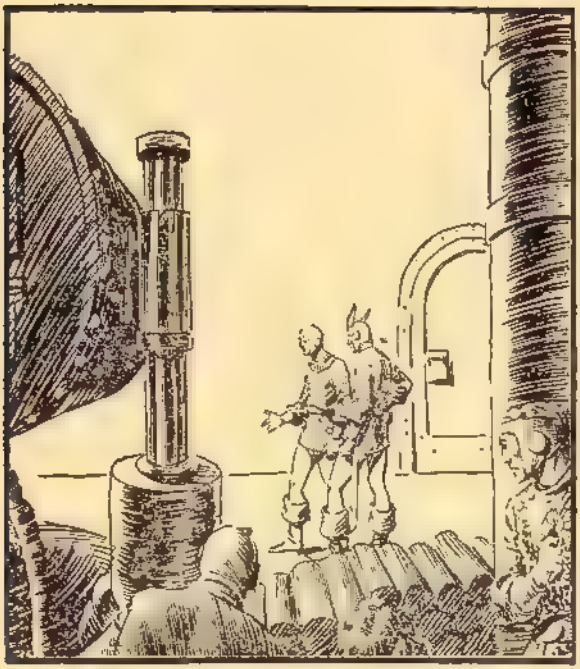
Safe in the

e the Electrons."

The Enemy Caught in Its Own Trap

Royal Arsenal

"I'm Almost Glad He Got Away."



"Why Are We Making This Inventory?"

"Don't M

"Bring the Three Earthlings."

Queen Unc

love or I'll Shoot!"

"You've Got to Help Us."

dina Came to Terms

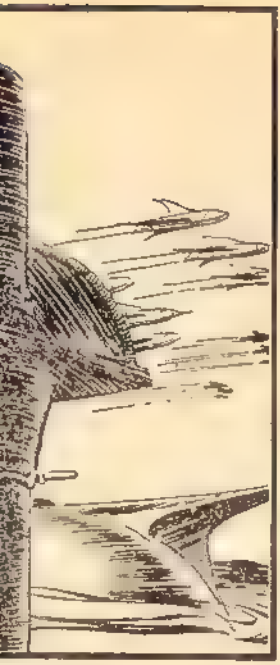
"You Are Merely Vindictive, Pluton."

"The Queen Will Regret This."

Ming, Scourge of t

Council of War

Ming's Admi



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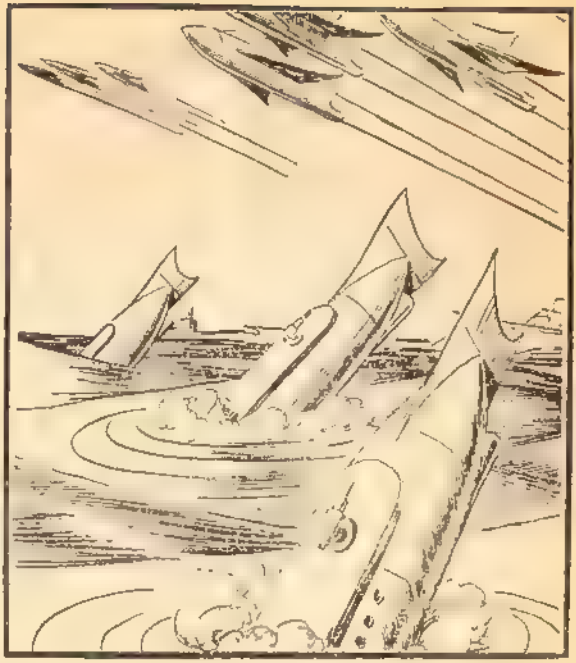

Aerial and Submarine Attack

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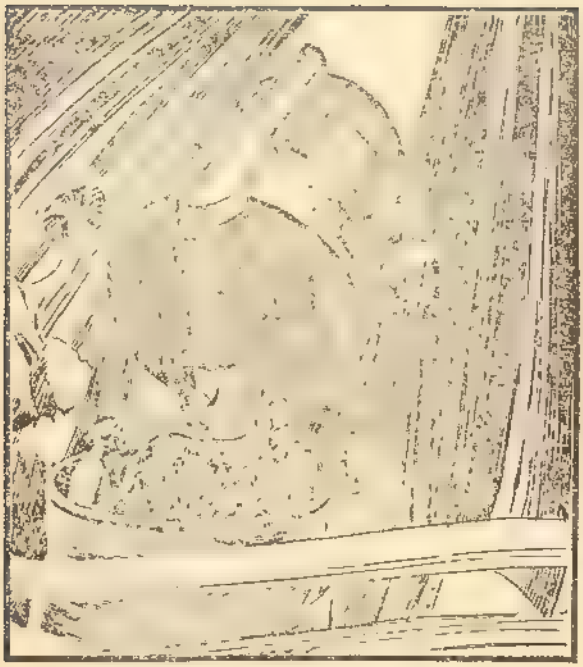
The Magneto-Ray Swept the Skies



"That Will Teach Ming a Lesson."

Flash Found Min

"Our Only Chance Is Behind the Walls."

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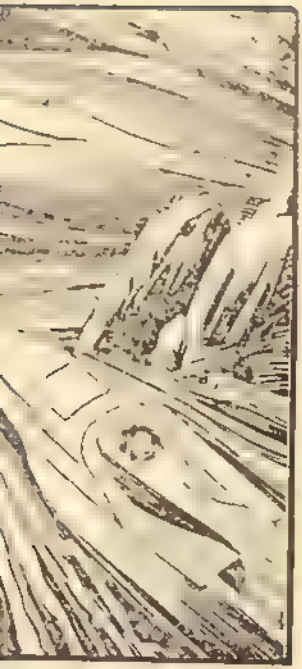
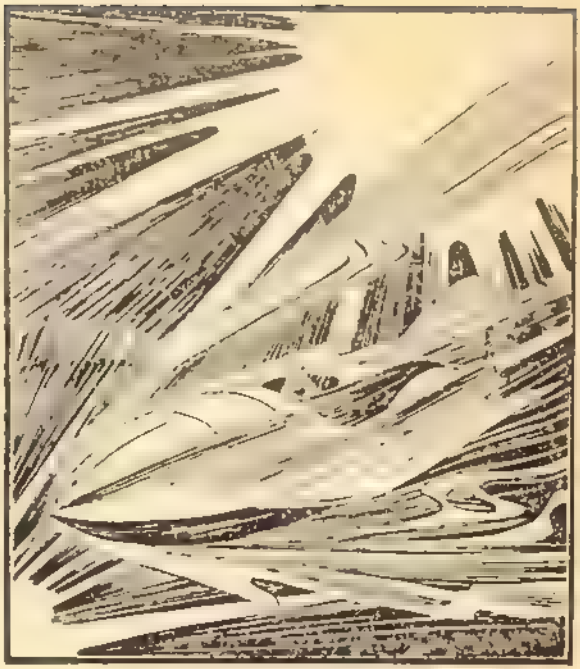
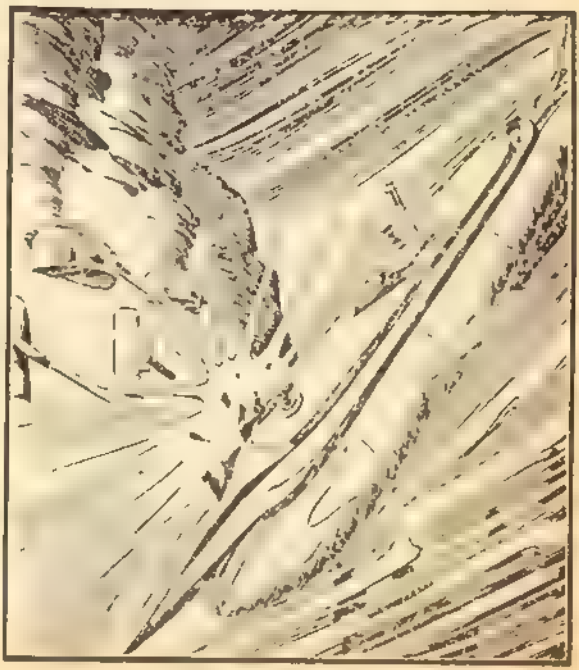


g's Submarine Fleet

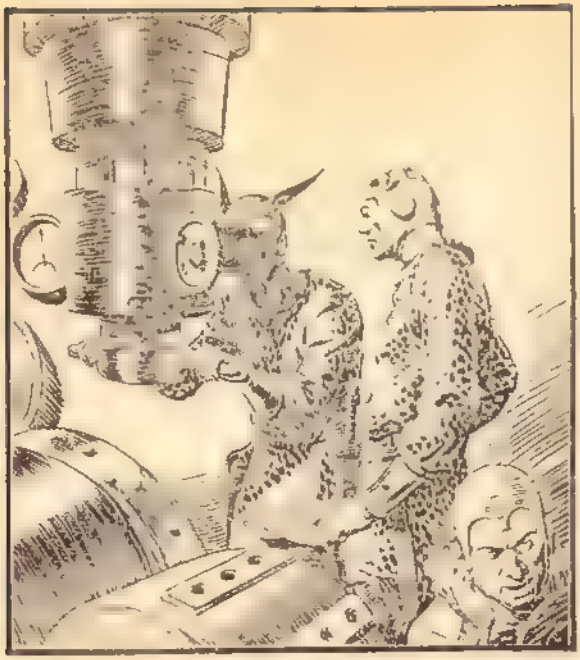


"That Was a Close Shave."

he Submarine Fleet



A Rain of Torpedoes



"They're Going out of Range."

"Flash Gordon, Yo

"We're in a Fix."

"It's Worth Tryi

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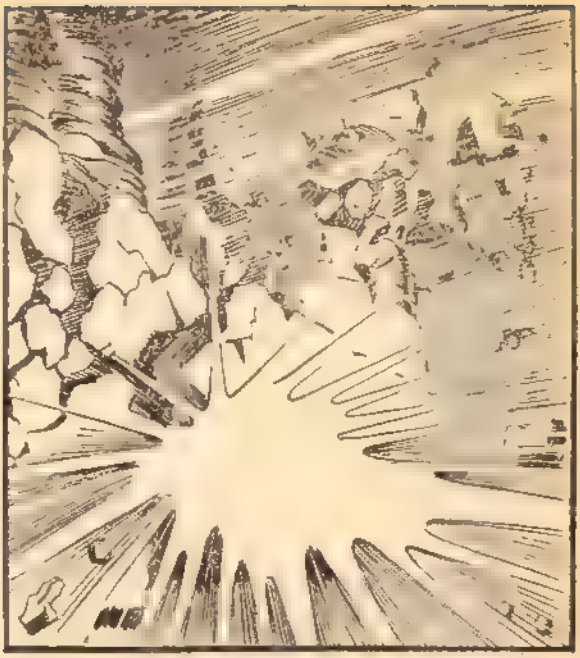

Long-Range Bombardment of Coralia

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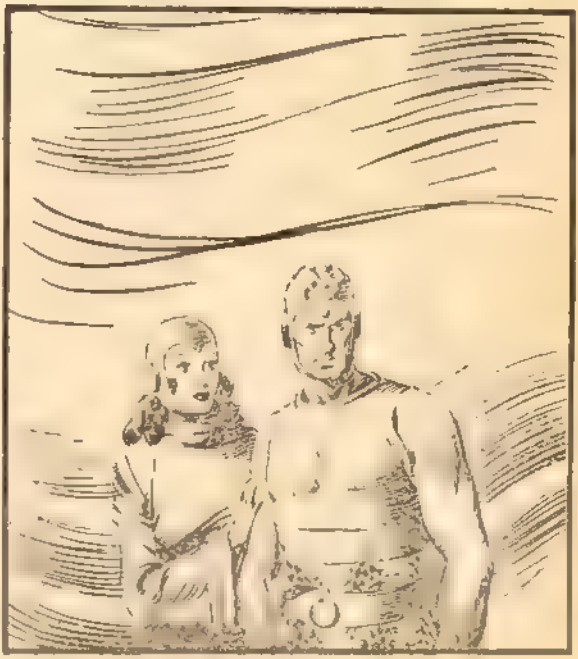
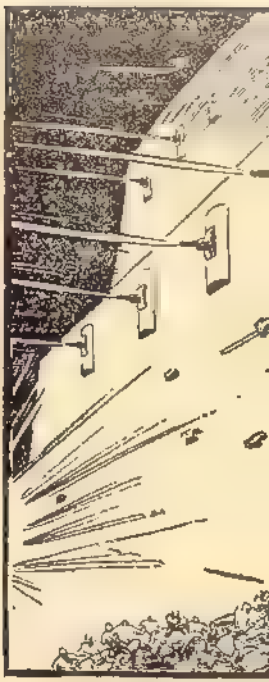


Dale Arden and Flash Gordon

The Water-Conditioning Plant



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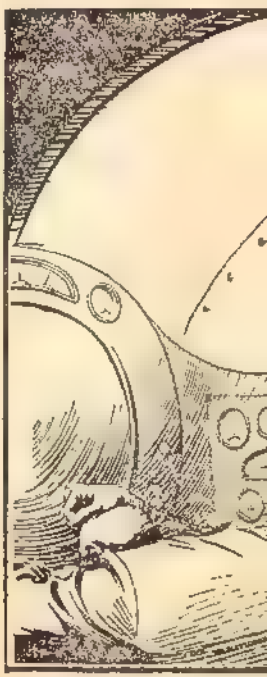
Defeat of Ming's Submarine Fleet



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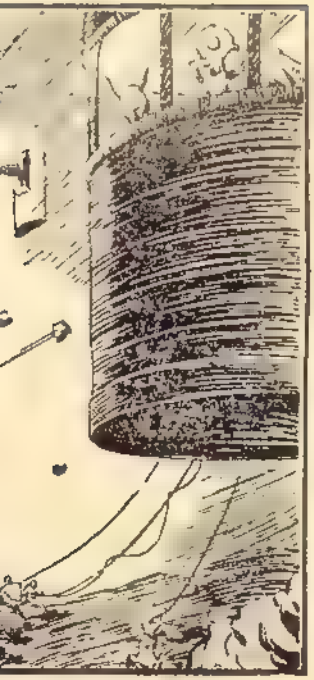

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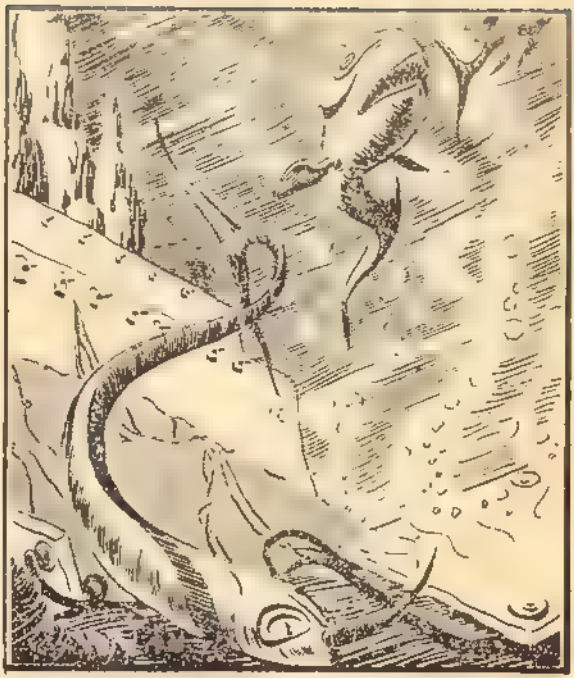


A Boiling Sea

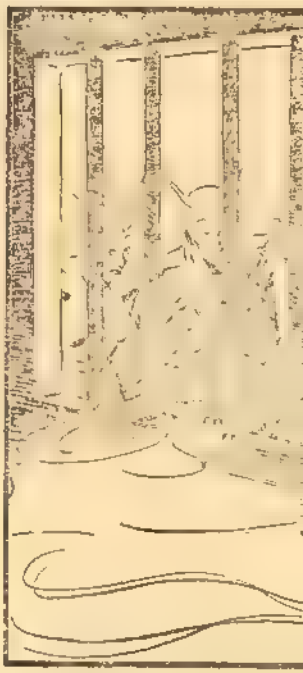
d He Was Caught

The Victory Celebration

"A Banquet of Victory and Farewell."

"An Urgent Message

"Please Don't Go," She Urged



He Eavesdropped o

From Lord Pluton."

"I Don't Like the Sound of It."

n the Conversation

Flash Kicked the Door Open

The Weapon Gave a Harmless Click

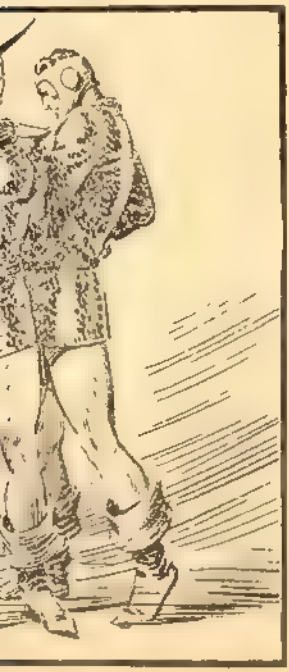
Flash Battled

Flash Winced at What He Saw

"Triton, Now I K

Pluton Again

A Football Tactic

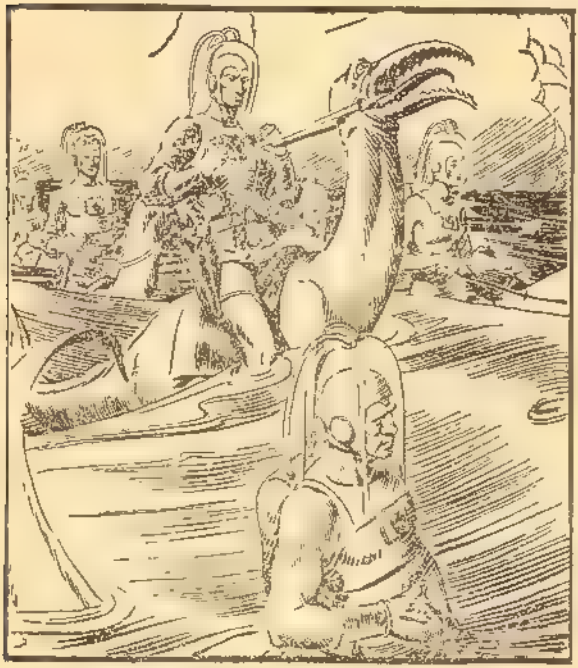


Know I Love You."

Flash Understood

"You Will Wait Until the Wedding?"

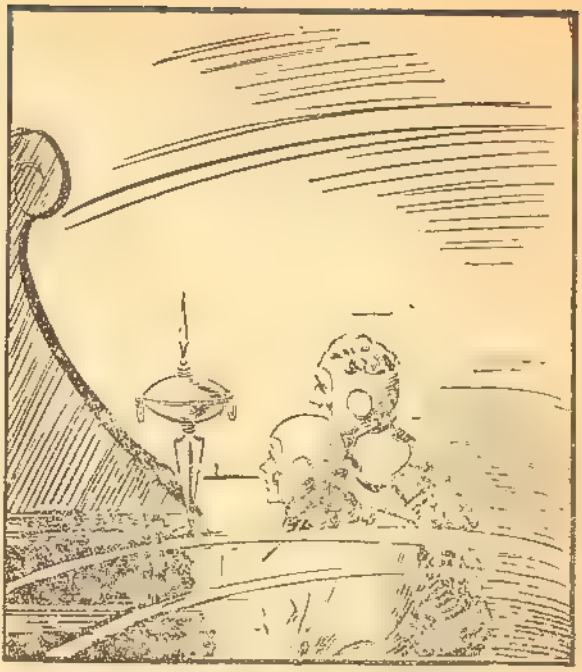
The Wedding



Up From the Water World

In the Lun

and Coronation



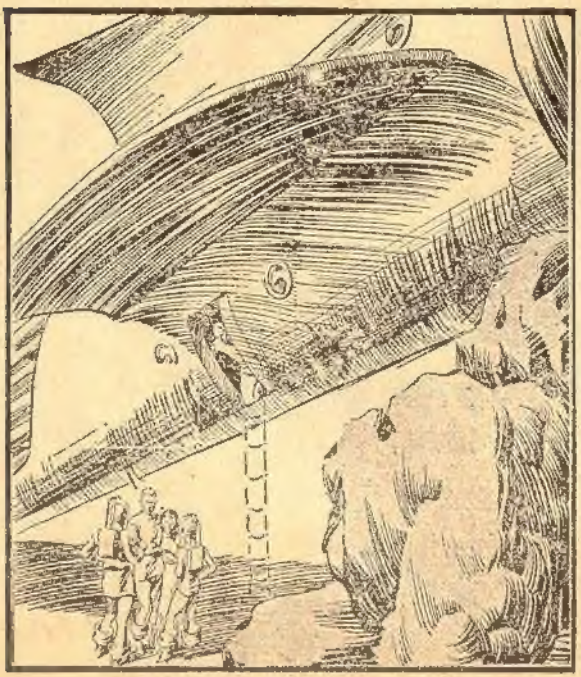
Dale and Flash at the Wedding

g-Machines

Flash Filled His Lungs

Free at Last in the Air

"I'm Sorry We



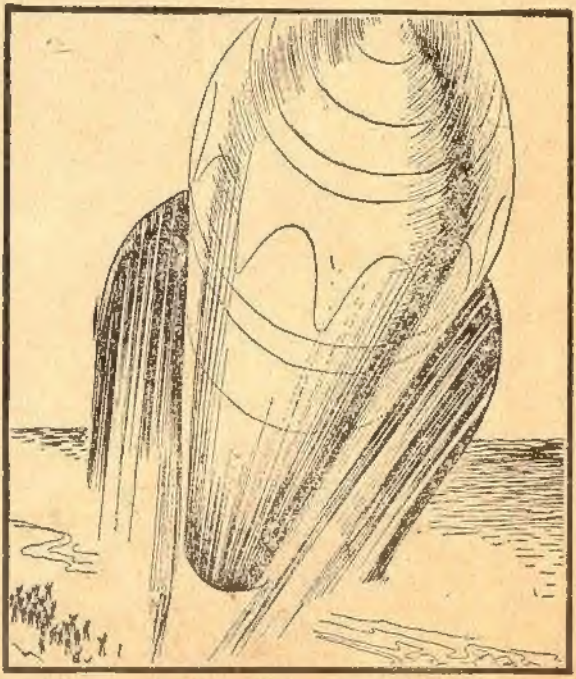
"The Ship's in Perfect Order."

"Thus Ends Anoth

Can't Stay."

Ming's Captured Rocket Ship

er Adventure."



Farewell to Coralia